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SUBJECT: \$5 MILLION EXCESS DRAWING RIGHTS PROGRAM

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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY AND FONOFF EXCHANGED LISTS OF ITEMS WHICH U. S. MIGHT OFFER AND GOP MIGHT FIND USEFUL, IN EFFORT MOVE AHEAD ON DRAWING RIGHTS PROGRAM. FONOFF PROMISED EARLY REACTIONS TO U. S. LIST. GOP LIST WILL BE SUBJECT OF DETAILED EXAMINATION BY MAAG AND USCINCEUR. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF AND AIR FORCE SECTION CHIEF MAAG MET WITH WORKING LEVEL FONOFF OFFICIALS MARCH 9. GOP REPRESENTATIVES WERE PROVIDED WITH SUMMARY OF U. S. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ITEMS FOR PROGRAM, DRAWING ON REFTEL. OFFICIALS SAID U. S. LIST WOULD BE STUDIED AND PROMISED EARLY RESPONSE.

3. AT SAME MEETING FONOFF OFFICIALS GAVE US LISTS PREPARED BY GOP MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY, PUBLIC WORKS, EDUCATION AND HEALTH. OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THAT THESE LISTS DRAWN UP ON UNDERSTANDING THAT USG WOULD EXAMINE THEM AND THEN INFORM GOP WHICH ITEMS COULD IN PRINCIPLE
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BE MADE AVAILABLE. NEXT STEP WOULD BE OFFICIAL
REQUEST FROM GOP FOR INDICATED ITEMS. SUMMARY OF
LISTS:

A. MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY - GENERAL ELECTRICAL
EQUIPMENT, AUDIO- VISIAL MATERIALS, TESTING AND
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS, LATHES, WELDING AND OTHER
METAL WORKING EQUIPMENT.

B. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS - ROAD T LEGAL ADVICE WAS
BEING SOUGHT BY GOVT AS TO HOW TO HANDLE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE.
MEANWHILE DENKTASHS OLD PASSPORT HAD BEEN RETURNED TO HIM
AND HE WAS FREE TO TRAVEL ON IT IF HE WISHED.

4. COMMENT: APPEARS TO US ARGUMENT CAN BE MADE EITHER WAY ON
ISSUANCE OF DIP PASSPORT IN WHICH DENKTASH IS DESIGNATED
AS VICE PRES. ON THE ONE HAND TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY FOLLOWED
AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 39 OF 1960 CON-
STITUTION IN SELECTING DENKTASH AS NEW VICE PRES, AND
THUS DENKTASH COULD BE SAID TO BE LEGALLY EXERCISING HIS
PREROGATIVES. ON OTHER HAND FROM GOVT POINT OF VIEW,
ENTIRE POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF TURKISH CYPRIOT PROVISIONAL
ADMINISTRATION IS ILLEGAL AND ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT
DESIGNATING DENKTASH AS VICE PRES. COULD IMPLY SOME DEGREE
OF RECOGNITION OF EXISTING STATUS. WITH GOODWILL AND A
PRAGMATIC APPROACH, PROBLEM COULD OF COURSE BE WORKED OUT,
BUT AS DEPT KNOWS THESE COMMODITIES HAVE BEEN IN SHORT
SUPPLY IN DEALING WITH CYPRUS PROBLEM. MEANWHILE, DENK-
TASH IS SAID TO BE FURIOUS OVER SITUATION BUT HAS NOT
REVEALED WHAT STEPS IF ANY HE WILL TAKE AS A RESULT.
EFFECT OF THIS TEAPOT TEMPEST ON INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CAN
HARDLY BE HELPFUL.
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